GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

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POLLUTION OF SUTLEJ
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether polluted and waste water of Ludhiana city including wastes is being discharged in Sutlej river;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government intends to take action as per law against the industries and municipal corporations in Punjab for this negligence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. As per the list of polluted river stretches identified by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), sewage from Ludhiana town is discharged into river Satluj. The most pollution stretch of Satluj River is downstream of Zenith Paper Mill to Harike Bridge, Amritsar.

(c)&(d) Yes, Madam. CPCB has issued directions under Sec 18 (1) (b) of Water Act, 1974 to all State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCC) including Punjab for installation of 'Real time effluent monitoring system' by the 17 categories of highly polluting Industries operating in the State before 31st March, 2015.

The Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has sanctioned 20 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 133.51 crore for pollution abatement of river Satluj at Ludhiana in the state of Punjab under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP). All the projects have already been completed and 3 STPs having a total treatment capacity of 311 MLD (Baloke STP [152 mld], Bhattain STP [111 mld] and Jamalpur STP [48 mld]) have already been constructed and commissioned in the City.